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APPARATUS, TRANSMITTING SYSTEM-AND MEDIUM

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for a <u>one-month</u> extension of time.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 20-33, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 34-42:

34. (New) A transmitting method comprising the steps of:
encrypting data while changing a key with respect to each predetermined unit;
transmitting the encrypted data to a receiving side; and
recording a log in accordance with a request of information concerning decoding
of the encrypted data sent from said receiving side,

wherein a transmitting side is capable of charging by said log.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 34, wherein the data is image data or audio data encrypted by utilizing a common key encryption system, and the information

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